II. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An airbag module and instrument panel assembly ~~Instrument panel~~ for a motor vehicle ~~comprising of~~ having at least one ventilation outlet and a ventilation duct attached thereto and arranged behind [[the]] an instrument panel, ~~further comprising of~~ and an airbag module which is fastened behind [[said]] the instrument panel and [[has]] having a gas generator and a folded airbag ~~arranged within its housing, wherein an~~ and further having a ventilation outlet opening, which is closed by a ~~covering~~ grill ~~that opens when said airbag module is triggered, is provided within said instrument panel for said unfolding airbag, characterized in that said~~, the assembly comprising the airbag module ~~(16)~~ is arranged adjacent to [[said]] the ventilation duct ~~(12)~~ in such a manner that, when [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ is triggered, [[said]] the airbag ~~(18)~~ unfolds into [[said]] the ventilation duct ~~(12)~~ and from there unfolds out of [[said]] the instrument panel ~~(11)~~ through [[said]] the ventilation outlet opening ~~(13, 14)~~, the pressure of [[said]] the unfolding airbag ~~(18)~~ moving away ~~said ventilation outlet (13, 14)~~ the grill arranged within [[said]] the instrument panel ~~(11)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 1, ~~characterized~~ further comprising ~~in that the~~ a housing wall of ~~said~~ the airbag module ~~(16) that is~~ adjacent to [[said]] the ventilation duct ~~(12)~~ forms a dividing wall for [[said]] the ventilation duct ~~(12)~~ and, when [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ is triggered, the dividing wall moves into [[said]] the

ventilation duct ~~(12)~~ in such a manner that there is formed an escape channel ~~(40)~~ leading from [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ to [[said]] the ventilation outlet ~~(13, 14)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 1, ~~characterized~~ further comprising in that ~~said~~ the dividing wall of ~~said~~ the ventilation duct ~~(12)~~ ~~adjacent~~ is adjacent to [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ ~~forms~~ and forms a housing wall for ~~said~~ the airbag module ~~(16)~~ and that, when [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ is triggered, ~~said mutual~~ the dividing wall / ~~housing wall (23)~~ moves into [[said]] the ventilation duct ~~(12)~~ in such a manner that there is formed an escape channel ~~(40)~~ leading from [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ to [[said]] the ventilation outlet ~~(13, 14)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 3, ~~characterized~~ further comprising in that [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ is arranged laterally next to [[said]] the ventilation duct ~~(12)~~ and that ~~said~~ the dividing and housing wall ~~(23)~~ swings into [[said]] the ventilation duct ~~(12)~~ around a fixed point ~~(24) located far from the instrument panel (11)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 3 ~~or 4, characterized~~ further comprising in that ~~said~~ the ventilation outlet ~~(13, 14)~~ partially overlaps [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ and ~~that~~ that a region of [[said]] the dividing ~~and housing~~ wall ~~(23)~~ that faces ~~said~~ the instrument panel ~~(11) demonstrates~~ forms a diagonal kink ~~(25)~~ leading to [[that]] an edge of ~~said~~ the ventilation outlet ~~(13)~~ located [[on]] adjacent the module, ~~side, said~~

~~mutual~~ and the dividing and housing wall running behind [[said]] the ventilation outlet ~~(13, 14)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 5, ~~characterized~~ further comprising in that [[said]] the kink ~~(25)~~ is dimensioned ~~in~~ such ~~a manner~~ that ~~said~~ the kink ~~(25)~~ fits into place on ~~the~~ an opposite edge ~~(26)~~ of ~~said~~ the ventilation outlet ~~(13)~~ during the swinging of ~~said~~ the dividing ~~and housing~~ wall ~~(23)~~, thus forming and delimiting ~~said~~ the escape channel ~~(40)~~ for ~~said~~ the unfolding airbag ~~(18)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 3, ~~characterized~~ further comprising in that [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ is arranged on ~~the~~ a side of ~~said~~ a ventilation duct ~~(12)~~ opposite [[said]] the instrument panel ~~(11)~~.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 7, ~~characterized~~ further comprising in that [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ is designed L-shaped with ~~one~~ a first section ~~(30)~~ located laterally next to [[said]] the ventilation duct and ~~one~~ a second section ~~(29)~~ located on the side of [[said]] the ventilation duct ~~(12)~~ opposite [[said]] the instrument panel ~~(11)~~, [[said]] the ~~mutual~~ dividing ~~and housing~~ walls ~~(23)~~ of [[said]] the ventilation duct (12) adjacent to [[said]] the ~~airbag module (16) being integrally joined together and~~ swinging into [[said]] the ventilation duct ~~(12)~~ when [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ is triggered.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to ~~one of the claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 8, characterized~~ further comprising in that a partition wall ~~(20)~~ arranged within [[said]] a housing ~~(17)~~ of [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ divides [[said]] the airbag ~~(18)~~, which is folded into ~~said~~ the housing ~~(17)~~, into ~~two folding packages (21, 22)~~ a first and second package, ~~one~~ the first folding package ~~(21)~~ being arranged adjacent to [[said]] the ventilation outlet ~~(13)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 9, ~~characterized~~ further comprising in that [[said]] the first folding package ~~(21)~~ adjacent to [[said]] the ventilation outlet ~~(13)~~ has a smaller dimension than [[said]] the second folding package ~~(22)~~ and acts as a starting bubble for the pulling out [[said]] of the second folding package ~~(22)~~ when [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ is triggered.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to claim 9 ~~or 10, characterized~~ further comprising in that the ~~fitting arrangement of a plurality of~~ partition ~~walls (20)~~ wall divides [[said]] the folded airbag ~~(18)~~ into ~~a plurality of~~ the first and second folding packages.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to ~~one of the claims~~ claim 1 [[to 11]], ~~characterized~~ further comprising in that a holding device ~~(32, 34)~~ attaches [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ to [[said]] the ventilation duct ~~(12)~~ and fastens ~~it~~ the airbag module to the interior of [[said]] the instrument panel ~~(11)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to ~~one of the claims~~ claim 1 [[to 12]], ~~characterized~~ further comprising in that a ~~foil (31)~~ cover covers and holds [[said]] the airbag ~~(18)~~ in the vicinity where [[said]] the airbag module ~~(16)~~ is connected to ~~said mutual~~ the dividing ~~and housing~~ wall ~~(23)~~, [[said]] the airbag being folded into [[said]] the housing ~~(17)~~ and ~~said foil tearing open~~ the cover opening when [[said]] the airbag ~~(18)~~ unfolds and lying down as protection between [[said]] the airbag ~~(18)~~ and ~~the~~ edges of [[said]] the ventilation outlet ~~(13, 14)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~Instrument~~ An airbag module and instrument panel assembly according to ~~one of the claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 13~~, ~~characterized~~ further comprising in that predetermined breaking lines separate ~~the vicinity of said~~ a segment of the instrument panel ~~(11)~~ adjacent to [[said]] the ventilation outlet ~~(13, 14)~~ from the [[rest]] remainder of [[said]] the instrument panel so that ~~said~~ the unfolding airbag ~~(18)~~ ~~separates,~~ separates the segments from [[said]] the remainder of the instrument panel ~~(11)~~, and both the separated ~~region~~ segment and [[said]] the ventilation outlet ~~(13, 14)~~ ~~acting as~~ form an escape hole for [[said]] the airbag ~~(18)~~.